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1. [REDACTED] Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Clarke, and I met with Congressmen George H. Mahon, Harry R. Sheppard, and Gerald R. Ford to discuss approaching hearings on Air Force R&D projects of interest to the Agency. (See memorandum for the record.)

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2. [REDACTED] In response to questions posed by Mr. Francis O'Gorman, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Joseph M. McDade (R., Pa.), provided the following information received from DD/I. There were 42 missiles taken into Cuba, 42 removed and 42 observed. As to cost, a horseback computation would indicate base cost of missiles without warhead, approximately one million dollars. The cost of warhead, handling, and so forth would raise the cost some ten times. With regard to Cuban sugar agreements, I advised Mr. O'Gorman that the long-term guaranteed price contract for sale of sugar by Cuba, which the Congressman had referred to, probably would have related to the January '64 agreement between Cuba and the Soviets which guaranteed the Cubans 6 cents per pound for sugar for the period 1965 through 1970. Mr. O'Gorman was most appreciative of this assistance.

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3. [REDACTED] The House Rules Committee, by vote of 8 to 3, approved the resolution to bring the pay raise bill to the floor of the House. Discussion before the Committee indicated that no date has been agreed upon by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee members for implementation of the various pay raises. It was mentioned in this discussion that present rumor provided for an immediate or 1 July '64 effective date for Executive Pay, and 1 January '65 for Legislative and Judicial pay.

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4. [REDACTED] Mrs. Mary Miller, Clerical Assistant, Senate Preparedness Investigation Subcommittee, called and advised that the test ban hearings were going to print. The hearings are titled "Material Aspects and Implementations of Nuclear Test Ban Proposals and Related Matters", jacket number 27-733.

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5. [REDACTED] Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, telephoned saying a Senator wished information on whether there was an organization for Czechoslovakia along the lines of NTS. I said I would look into this and advise.

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6. [REDACTED] Jay Sourwine asked whether there was anything new in connection with [REDACTED] He inquired if arrangements were being made for [REDACTED] to appear before the Subcommittee on 11 March. I indicated we had not yet discussed this with the individual pointing out that, of course, he is most concerned at this time. However, we are working on this and will advise. Sourwine, in response to a question, indicated there is no current subpoena but said he would be happy to have one issued if this were desired. I indicated that we did not desire one. Sourwine also assured me that appropriate security arrangements could be made in connection with the physical safety of [REDACTED] including, if necessary, a meeting place outside of the Senate Office Building. I said I would be working further on this matter and be in touch.

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7. [REDACTED] Talked with William Darden who advised that Senator Russell had no particular reaction upon reading the first JOURNAL AMERICAN item of 2 March and being given a thumbnail sketch of the situation. I indicated to Darden there were two more articles which I would send down and requested that he inform Senator Russell that it looked like there would be more on the situation and if the Senator desired for himself or for the Subcommittee the Agency would be most happy to discuss the situation with them. Darden said he would advise the Chairman and notify us.

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8. [REDACTED] Miss Friedberg, in the office of Senator Albert Gore, called and asked if the Agency had anything "in writing" in response to the recent publicity alleging that the Agency had been penetrated by Communists. I told her that we did not have anything in writing on this and that it was the policy of the Agency not to comment officially on newspaper or other speculation concerning the Agency or its activities. I added on an informal basis, however, that obviously any shred of information of this sort would be carefully and thoroughly investigated. Miss Friedberg said they had received inquiries with respect to the Agency and the State Department and they would probably contact State separately.

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9. [REDACTED] Representative Sam Gibbons of Florida called and said that the Tampa Chamber of Commerce was most interested in having Mr. Dulles address their group the latter part of March or the first part of April. Gibbons inquired if Mr. Dulles was available for such appearances and whether he would be willing to speak to this group. I advised him that Mr. Dulles was out of the city for several weeks but I would endeavor to contact him on this matter. Gibbons said that Mr. Dulles could contact him or the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jim Couey, if he wished. Gibbons added that Couey was the owner of several newspapers in the area and had an interest in one or more radio stations. He said he was confident that Mr. Dulles' remarks to the group would receive good coverage in the press and on the radio. (Gibbons commented that he had read Mr. Dulles' book which he found most interesting. In the course of a very friendly conversation, I extended an invitation to the Congressman to visit the Agency when his schedule would permit. Gibbons noted he is only a freshman congressman and said he would be most interested in making such a visit.)

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10. [REDACTED] Met with Speaker McCormack and delivered to him Mr. McCone's note concerning [REDACTED] The Speaker read the note and returned it to me as I had requested. He asked that I convey his appreciation to the Director. The Speaker was most cordial and chatted about his active participation in the establishment of CIA in 1947. He also made reference to the trouble spots in the world citing specifically Panama, Cyprus and Viet Nam.

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I took this opportunity to mention to the Speaker that I had arranged for his friend [REDACTED] to meet with one of our top people on Friday. I added that I was not at all certain that there would be a meeting of the minds [REDACTED] but felt that all we could do was to put [REDACTED] in contact with the appropriate person here. The Speaker agreed and said he did not wish to interfere in any way in matters of this sort. He did indicate his deep appreciation for our arranging the meeting, however.

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